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Submitted herewith is a copy of Figure 3, Figure 5, Figure 6, Figure 7, Figure 8, Figure 9, Figure 10, and Figure 11 for examination in the above-referenced patent application. More specifically, with respect to the calculation of "Average Unit Cost" for "# of DAM Held" shown in Figure 5, Figure 5 has been amended to correct a typographical/calculation error. In this case, the "Average Unit Cost" equals "Weighted Cost/Process" (\$1,902,547) divided by "Total" (80). Figure 6 has also been amended to address certain issues relating to number rounding. Additionally, Figures 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended to correct certain typographical errors. The specification has also been amended to reflect the changes made to the Figures. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests the approval of the indicated drawing changes. In anticipation of approval of the drawing changes, Applicant has also submitted herewith for approval formal drawings incorporating the above-noted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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